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Sir :

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and 37 C.F.R. §§1.97 and §§1.98, Applicants hereby submit the following documents, which were cited in an International Search Report with respect to International Patent Application No. PCT/JP2005/013785, of which the present application is the U.S. National Stage Application. Copies of the International Search Report (in Japanese and English) have been filed concurrently with the present application and thus have been brought to the attention of the Examiner.

- (1) International Patent Application Publication No. WO 2004/030356, and  
patent family member European Patent Publication No. EP 1 553 769.
- (2) European Patent Publication No. EP 1 513 152.

- (3) International Patent Application Publication No. WO 2005/055206, and patent family member U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2005/131858 to SEO et al., which published on June 16, 2005.
- (4) U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2002/199205 to SONAWANE et al., which published on December 26, 2002.
- (5) European Patent Publication No. EP 1 463 314, and patent family member U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2004/223726 to LEE, which published on November 11, 2004.
- (6) International Patent Application Publication No. WO 2004/049710, and patent family member U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2005/0105888 to HAMADA et al., which published on May 19, 2005.
- (7) International Patent Application Publication No. WO 2004/025651 and patent family member European Patent Publication No. EP 1 551 027.
- (8) International Patent Application Publication No. WO 2005/036383.
- (9) U.S. Patent No. 5,644,782 to YEATES et al., which issued on July 1, 1997.
- (10) U.S. Patent No. 6,604,236 to DRAPER et al., which issued on August 5, 2003.

The relevance of the above-noted documents, as ascertained by the International Examiner, are set forth in the International Search Report.

Applicants further submit the following document.

- (11) Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. 2001-517836, and patent family members International Patent Application Publication No. WO

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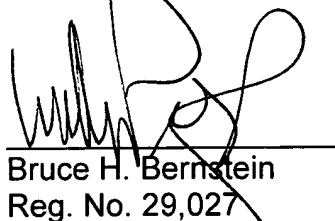
In accordance with a concurrently filed Petition For Accelerated Examination, and with M.P.E.P. 708.02 Section VIII (D), copies of all of the above-noted documents are enclosed herewith.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the above material and cite the same. All of the above-noted documents are listed on an attached Form PTO-1449. The Examiner is requested to initial on the appropriate spaces on the attached Form, and to return a copy of the completed Form to Applicants with the next communication from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.

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If the Examiner has any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

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